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SUBJECT: ANOTHER CRUNCH FOR DUTCH CABINET

REF: THE HAGUE A-18

1. SINCE TURN OF THE YEAR DUTCH CABINET HAS KNOWN IT WOULD
FACE FOUR DIFFICULT PIECES OF LEGISLATION WHICH THE LEADING
SOCIALIST PARTY HAD MADE CLEAR WOULD BE "SINE QUA NON" BEFORE
MAY ELECTIONS. ALL DEAL WITH ESSENTIALLY DOMESTIC ECONOMIC
ISSUES. THEIR TITLES WOULD SUGGEST THAT ONLY EXPERTS WOULD
WANT TO BREAK LANCES OVER THEM: EXCESS PROFITS SHARING,
WORKS COUNCILS, LAND POLICY, AND A NEW INVESTMENT ACCOUNT TO
CENTRALIZE SUPPORT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

2. NOT SURPRISINGLY, HOWEVER, THESE ISSUES HAVE DEMONSTRATED
SUFFICIENT POLITICAL CONTENT TO HAVE CREATED MAJOR DIFFICULTIES
FOR THE COALITION CABINET. ALL LAST WEEK, FOR INSTANCE, THE
CABINET SOUGHT A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE FORMULA OF COMPENSATION
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FOR LAND TAKEN FOR PUBLIC USE. THE ISSUE HAS PROVEN EXTRA-
ORDINARILY INTRACTABLE AND HAS SHOWN WIDE CRACKS WITHIN THE
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC APPEAL (CDA), WITH VICE PRIME MINISTER
VAN AGT (ALSO THE CDA LIST LEADER) DISPOSED TO GO ALONG WITH
A FORMULA ACCEPTABLE TO PRIME MINISTER DENUYL BUT WITH SOME OF
THE CHIEF CDA LEADERS IN PARLIAMENT, MAINLY ANDRIESEN (WHO,
LIKE VAN AGT, COMES FROM ONE OF THE CDA'S THREE COMPONENTS,

THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE'S PARTY) TAKING A DIFFERENT TACK. TRUE TO THE HAGUE POLITICAL TRADITION, PARTICIPANTS IN THE CABINET DEBATE, WHICH LASTED UNTIL FIVE THIS MORNING AND RECONVENED AT ELEVEN, ARE NOW DARKLY HINTING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF A CABINET CRISIS.

3. IN THIS POLITICAL SYSTEM SUCH A POSSIBILITY CAN NEVER BE COMPLETELY RULED OUT. NEVERTHELESS, OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT, AS BEFORE, THE INHERENT SENSE OF POLITICAL SELF-PRESERVATION WILL ENABLE THE POLITICAL PARTIES TO FIND THE NECESSARY COMPROMISE, PERMITTING THE DEN UYL GOVERNMENT TO COMPLETE ITS TERM.
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